

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Independent Claims 7 and 10 have been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

In Claim 7, each of the plurality of discrete magnetic components is formed as a toric section which is generally circular sector-shaped in plan view, as shown in Fig. 1 of Applicant's drawings, for example. A circular sector-shape is defined by an arc of a circle and a pair of radii extending from the ends of the arc. Nothing of the sort is even remotely suggested by the references relied upon in the rejection.

Similarly, independent Claim 10 recites a magnetic component comprising a member with magnetic material arranged as a generally toric-section having a circular sector-shape in plan view. Again, it is apparent that nothing of the sort is disclosed by the references.

Accordingly, Claims 7 and 10 and the claims dependent thereon distinguish patentably from the prior art and should be allowed.

New dependent Claims 17-22 have been added to provide more comprehensive patent protection for Applicant's

invention. With regard to these claims, see, Fig. 4 of Applicant's drawings, for example.

For the foregoing reasons, this application is now believed to be clearly in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (A-9822) any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

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